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SUBJECT Edwin Wilson

DAN RATHER: A strange story. Edwin Wilson, former American spy, indicted in 1980 for a host of crimes ranging from illegal arms sales to organizing a school for terrorists for Libyans. Until now, working above the law and beyond the law in Libya. Part of a group of former CIA men doing the same. Tonight he is in custody in an American jail in New York.

Robert Schakne has the intriguing story of a fugitive ex-spy duped into coming in from the cold to face the heat.

ROBERT SCHAKNE: The U.S. Government wants bail of \$20 million for Edwin Wilson now that the ex-CIA agent is in custody after a two-year international chase. He was lured out of Libya into a trap set by U.S. marshals.

Wilson had been persuaded he could buy land in the Dominican Republic and be safe from extradition, and he traveled there with a false Irish passport under the name Philip McCormick. He did not know that U.S. authorities had asked Dominican officials to refuse him admittance and instead put him on a plane to New York.

JEFFREY HARRIS: He was informed that his documents were insufficient for entry to the Dominican Republic, that he was being returned to New York. He reportedly told the Dominican authorities that he did not have a visa for New York, the United States. And they told him that he didn't have to worry about that, and was put on the plane.

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SCHAKNE: Wilson is under indictment for illegally shipping arms and explosives to Libya, for using CIA associates to help him, for organizing a terrorist training school for the Libyans, and for trying to arrange the assassination of a Libyan exile.

Wilson's arrest climaxes an investigation that dates back to 1976, and there is more to come. CBS News has been told that federal prosecutors are now actively investigating the help that Wilson allegedly got from two former senior CIA officers, one of them the ex-Deputy Chief of Clandestine Operations. There could be additional indictments.